

REMARKS

This Response is being submitted in response to the Office action mailed on November 16, 2006 and is believed to be fully responsive thereto. Claims 1-81 are pending in the application, of which claims 31-81 have previously been withdrawn from consideration. No claims have been amended in this Response.

In the Office action, the Examiner has provisionally rejected claims 1-30 on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over copending United States patent application number 10/817,700.

Applicant submits herewith a Terminal Disclaimer to Obviate a Provisional Double Patenting Rejection over a Pending "Reference" application. The Examiner has not asserted any other rejections and the provisional rejection is the only remaining rejection in the present application. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that the pending claims are in condition for allowance.

This Response is being filed within three months of the non-final Office action dated November 16, 2006. Accordingly, Applicant believes that no fees are due or petitions are required. However, if any such petitions or fees are necessary, please consider this a request therefore and authorization to charge Deposit Account No. 50-3199 accordingly.

CONCLUSION

Applicant believes that claims 1-30 are currently in a condition for allowance and respectfully requests prompt issuance of a Notice of Allowability.

If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference could expedite the prosecution of the application or needs any additional information, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney.

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